



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 15 January, 2009

1. The House met at 11.28 a.m. Mr Speaker read Prayers.
2. Voles and Proceedings:
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 13 January, 2009.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. Messages:
Mr Speaker read the following Messages from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

January 5, 2009

*Rt. Honourable Dimeji **Bankole** Speaker of
the House of Representatives, National
Assembly Complex, Three-Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear brother,

**PRESENTATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL THE
EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE ACT CAP. 317 /LFN2004
AND THE TERRITORIAL WATERS ACT CAP. TS LFN 2004**

**AND ENACT THE MARITIME ZONES ACT TO PROVIDE THE MARITIME ZONES OF NIGERIA
ASP FOR
MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH**

*/ hereby introduce for formal consideration and passage into Law by the House of Representatives,
the above named Bill.*

It is my hope that this Bill will receive the usual prompt attention of the Honourable Members.

Please accept, Mr Speaker and Honourable Members of the House of Representatives, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) UMARU

MUSA YARADUA



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

January 5, 2009

*Rt. Honourable Dimeji Bankole Speaker
of the House of Representatives, National
Assembly Complex, Three-Arms Zone, A
buja.*

Dear brother,

**FORWARDING OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL THE
DEBT MANAGEMENT OFFICE (ESTABLISHMENT) ACT NO. 18
Of 2003 AND TO RE-ENACT THE DEBT MANAGEMENT
OFFICE (ESTABLISHMENT) ACT'2008. TO ESTABLISH THE
DEBT MANAGEMENT OFFICE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS**

*I hereby introduce for formal consideration and passage into Law by the House of Representatives,
the above named Bill.*

It is my hope that this Bill will receive the usual prompt attention of the Honourable Members.

*Please accept, Mr Speaker and Honourable Members of the House of Representatives, the assurances
of my highest consideration.*

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) UMARU

MUSA YARADUA

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PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

9th January, 2009

Rt. Hon. Dimeji Bankole
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.

Dear brother,

Re: 2006 Census Final Report

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 213 (3) of the 1999 Constitution, I crave your kind indulgence to grant me the slot of 12.15 pm on Thursday, January 22nd, 2009 to enable me formally lay before the Honourable House of Representatives the Final Report of the 2006 Census exercise.

Please accept, Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

UMARUMUSA YAR'ADUA

Announcements:

(i) Obituary:

Mr Speaker announced with deep regrets the death of a former Member, Hon. Efiom Ita **Efiom**, representing Odukpani Federal Constituency of the then Cross River State (1979-1983).

A minute in silence was observed in honour of the deceased Member.

(ii) Visitors:

Mr Speaker recognized the presence in the Gallery of the President and Members of the Executive of the Nigerian Labour Congress.

Petitions:

Two petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions:

(i) Hon. Mayor Eze (Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency), from Alhaji Abubakar Sadiq, praying the House to investigate the alleged unlawful disengagement of 131 Elf Supernumerary Policemen by Elf Petroleum Limited with a view to paying their entitlements;

(ii) Hon. Igo Aguma (Port Harcourt I Federal Constituency), from Multimesh Communication Limited, praying the House to investigate the alleged unlawful victimization, harassment, vandalization and closure of their premises by the Nigerian Copyright Commission and grant other reliefs sought.

Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Relying on Order VIII, Rule 4 (1), Hon. Ali Ndume drew the attention of the House to the Global Financial meltdown and the adverse impact on the continued depreciation of the Naira against major foreign currencies. He stressed the need for urgent measures to stem the tide and urged the House to consider it as a Matter of Urgent Public Importance.

Question that the matter be considered as one of Urgent Public Importance, put and agreed to.

Mailer to stand over till the next Legislative Day.

7. Presentation of Bills:

(/) Cyber Security and Dam Protection Agency (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2008 — *Read the First Time*;

(;) Use of Sirens (Regulation) Bill, 2008 - *Read the First Time*.

8. Presentation of Reports:

Joint Committee on Finance, Appropriations, Works, Loan and Debt Management, Capital Market and Justice:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Finance, Appropriations, Works, Loan and Debt Management, Capital Market and Justice on the Federal Government proposal to issue FGN \$500 Million Naira Denominated Bond in the International Capital Market" {Hon. John Owan Enoti}.

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

9. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Cost Management Accountants of Nigeria and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 — *Third Reading*.

Order read, deferred;

10. A Bill for an Act to Prohibit Marriage between Persons of Same Gender, Solemnization of Same and for Other Matters Related Therewith, 2008 — *Second Reading*:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Prohibit Marriage between Persons of Same Gender, Solemnization of Same and for other Matters Related Therewith, 2008 be now read a Second Time" {Hon. Mayor Eze}.

Debate:

Question that the Bill be now read a Second Time, put and agreed to.

Bill read a Second Time and referred to the Joint Committee on Human Rights, Women Affairs and Justice.

11. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Minimum Wage (Amendment) Act, 2000 and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 — *Second Reading*:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Minimum Wage (Amendment) Act, 2000 and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 be now read a Second Time" {Hon. Doris Uboh}.

Debate:

Question that the Bill be now read a Second Time, put and agreed to.

Bill read a Second Time and referred to the Joint Committee on Governmental Affairs and Labour, Employment and Productivity.

12. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Tuesday, 20 January, 2009 at 10.00 a.m. {Hon. Emcka Jhedioha}.

Adjourned accordingly at 1.00 p.m.

Dimeji Sabur Bankole
Speaker